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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Schneider, Bernd  
Application No.: 09/269,316 Group No.: 1775  
Filed: March 24, 1999 Examiner: F. Lorin  
For: COMPONENT OF PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS

**Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT**  
**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, D.C. 20231**

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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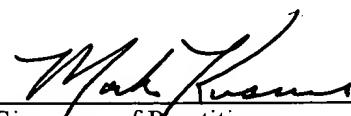
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2000, please amend the above-identified  
U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 2 and 3.

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1. (Amended) A component for use in manufacturing articles, such as printed circuit boards, comprising: a laminate constructed of a sheet of copper foil that, in a finished printed circuit board, constitutes a functional element and a sheet of carbon steel having a thin layer of [an inert] chromium metal thereon, said sheet of carbon steel constituting a discardable element, one surface of the copper sheet and the surface of [the inert] said chromium metal layer on the carbon steel sheet being essentially uncontaminated and engageable with each other at